



Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Workshops Set

The University of Missouri Extension's Fire and Rescue Training Institute and FEMA Region VII will conduct regional televised seminars on the FY 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for fire departments. These sessions will be broadcast over the TCRC network in Missouri. There is no charge for the workshops and a reservation is not needed to attend. For more information on the workshops contact Rex Jennings, FEMA Region VII Fire Program Specialist at (816) 283-7951.

The workshops are:

Monday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., at:

- Delta Center TCRC, Highway 61 South, Portageville
- Tri-Lakes at Reeds Spring TCRC, Reeds Spring High School, 20277 State Highway 13, Reeds Springs
- Mexico TCRC, 2900 Doreli Lane, Mexico
- MUFRTI – Columbia, Room 226 Heinkel Building, 201 South Seventh St., Columbia
- Kirksville TCRC, 315 S. Franklin St., Kirksville

Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., at:

- Poplar Bluff TCRC, 202 Tinnin Fine Arts Center, 2080 Three Rivers Boulevard, Poplar Bluff
- Mineral Area TCRC at Park Hills, Mineral Area College, 5270 Flat River Road, Park Hills
- Salem TCRC, 1201 W. Rolla Road, Salem
- Nevada TeleCenter, NRTC-Bowman Building, 2015 N. West St., Nevada
- Ike Skelton, Missouri National Guard TCRC, 6900 North Boundary, Jefferson City
- MUFRTI – Columbia, Room 226 Heinkel Building, 201 South Seventh Street, Columbia
- Camdenton TCRC, Work Connections, 115 West Highway 54, Camdenton

Orange Alert! Are You Ready? Are Your Citizens Ready?

On February 7, the Security Alert level was raised to Orange. FEMA's Guide to Citizen Preparedness is available on the web at <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>.

Protective measures that you can take for a "High Condition (Orange)" threat level include:

- Develop a home disaster plan— and discuss each family member's job and how to communicate in the event of an incident;
- Assemble a disaster supply kit with food, water and first aid supplies for home, work, and your car;
- Be sure to have a battery operated radio and extra batteries to stay informed;
- Have a list of emergency contact numbers, (fire, police, hospitals, and family members) near the phone;
- Review and practice evacuation plans and learn the concept of "sheltering in place"
- Check with school officials to determine their plans for emergency procedures;
- Apartment residents should discuss emergency procedures with building managers;
- Contact neighbors to discuss their plans and needs and how you might help each other;
- If you have special needs, be sure to discuss your plans with family, friends, and your employers;
- Be observant of an suspicious activity and report it to authorities;
- **Avoid high profile or symbolic locations;**

- Exercise caution when traveling;
 - Prepare yourself by taking a course in First Aid and CPR Training.
 - Contact local churches or volunteer organizations to assist, education, or prepared the elderly.
- Preparation starts with you, and your family, then branches to your neighbors and your community.

MDHSS Schedules Smallpox Vaccination Clinics

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Missouri has received 5,000 doses of the smallpox vaccine from CDC for its healthcare smallpox response teams. Vaccinations began February 7 at five sites, and will be offered first to DHSS employees and local public health staff who will be administering the vaccine to others. The St. Louis County, Butler County, Springfield/Greene County, Columbia/Boone County, and Kansas City health departments will administer the vaccine. Most of the public health and hospital workers will be vaccinated beginning in late February through March.

As of February 11, 81 hospitals and 81 local public health agencies in Missouri have indicated their willingness to coordinate volunteers for smallpox response teams. According to information provided by these agencies, vaccinations may include more than 2,300 public health and hospital workers

Proposed FY 2004 Budget for Department of Homeland Security

The President has requested \$36.2 billion in fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security. Highlights include:

Improving Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection: The ability to analyze and identify potential threats, assess the nation's critical infrastructure, assess vulnerabilities, map those threats to vulnerabilities and provide the information from which to organize protective measures.

Advancing and Harnessing Science and Technology: to create and develop new partnerships with the private sector to research, develop and deploy homeland security technologies that will make America safer – an eight-fold increase over 2002.

Preparing for and Responding to National Emergencies: to ensure that our nation is prepared to respond to incidents throughout our country. The Emergency Prepared and Response Directorate will coordinate all necessary response efforts quickly and effectively, including maintaining and strengthening the Strategic National Stockpile of drugs, vaccines, and equipment to continue this initiative, and to pre-purchase critically needed vaccines and medication for bio-defense.

Securing the Nation's Borders and Transportation System: to improve border security and transportation security, yet facilitate the unimpeded and reliable flow of commerce and people across our borders and through our airports, seaports, highways and railways.

- **First Responders:** \$3.5 billion is requested to support the nation's first responders, including \$500 million in grants for assistance to firefighters, \$500 million for state and local law enforcement terrorism prevention initiatives, and \$181 million for the Citizen Corps. **Tim Daniel: We understand that there is \$3.5B for first responders but that there is a 25% hard match. :(**

Securing the Nation's Ports and Ensuring Safety in our Waterways: The Coast Guard and Transportation will ensure that the safety and security of our nation's waterways and ports.

Improving Immigration Services: to improve immigration benefits to the more than seven million annual applicants.

Protecting our Nation's Leaders and Suppressing Counterfeiting: The Secret Service will continue to protect our leaders, implement security at designated National Special Security Events and suppress counterfeiting.

Strengthening all other Essential Missions: The FY2004 budget provides \$12.2 billion for other essential missions not specifically related to homeland security including Border and Transportation Security; \$18 million for Emergency Preparedness and Response; and for the Coast Guard.